

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 5, 11 to 15, 21 to 25 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 6, 9, 16, 19, 26, 29 and 32 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus for having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, comprising:

entry means for entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

physical N-page printing arranging means for arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of a physical sheet by scaling-down;

printable region N-page printing arranging means for arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided areas of a printable region on a physical sheet by scaling-down; [[and]]

determining means for determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging means and said printable region N-page printing arranging means is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages, when the designation of N-page printing is entered through said entry means; and

generation means for generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging means and said printable region N-page printing arranging means.

7. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 6, further comprising condition acquiring means for acquiring a physical N-page printing condition, wherein said determining means determines, based on the physical N-page printing condition acquired by said condition acquiring means, which one of said physical N-page printing arranging means and said printable region N-page printing arranging means is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages.

8. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating which one of plural types of N-page printing is set to physical N-page printing.

9. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein

said physical N-page printing condition is information of a predetermined output sheet which is premised that a printed sheet is cut into N-sheets and

said determining means determines to employ said ~~indicating that~~ physical N-page printing arranging means is set when the ~~the~~ [[a]] predetermined output sheet information ~~information~~ [[size]] is designated.

10. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said condition acquiring means acquires said physical N-page printing condition from an external device.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A printing control method of having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, comprising the steps of:

an entry step of entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

a physical N-page printing arranging step of arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of a physical sheet by scaling-down;

a printable region N-page printing arranging step of arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided areas of a printable region on a physical sheet by scaling-down; [[and]]

a determining step of determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages, when the designation of N-page printing is entered in said entry step; and

a generation step of generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step.

17. (Original) A printing control method according to Claim 16, further comprising a condition acquiring step of acquiring a physical N-page printing condition, wherein said determining step determines, based on the physical N-page printing condition acquired in said condition acquiring step, which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages.

18. (Original) A printing control method according to Claim 17, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating which one of plural types of N-page printing is set to physical N-page printing.

19. (Currently amended) A printing control method according to Claim 17, wherein
said physical N-page printing condition is information of a predetermined output sheet which is premised that a printed sheet is cut into N-sheets and
said determining step determines to employ said ~~indicating that~~ physical N-page printing arranging step ~~is set~~ when the ~~the~~ ^{[[a]]} predetermined output sheet information ~~information~~ ^{[[size]]} is designated.

20. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 17, wherein said condition acquiring step acquires said physical N-page printing condition from an external device.

21. to 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A printing control program stored on a computer-readable medium and executed in a printing control device for having a printer driver which generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, the printing control program including the steps of:

an entry step of entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

a physical N-page printing arranging step of arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of a physical sheet by scaling-down;

a printable region N-page printing arranging step of arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided areas of a printable region on a physical sheet by scaling-down; [[and]]

a determining step of determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages, when the designation of N-page printing is entered in said entry step; and

a generating step of generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging steps.

27. (Original) A printing control program according to Claim 26, further comprising a condition acquiring step of acquiring a physical N-page printing condition, wherein said determining step determines, based on the physical N-page printing condition acquired in said condition acquiring step, which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages.

28. (Original) A printing control program according to Claim 27, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating which one of plural types of N-page printing is set to physical N-page printing.

29. (Original) A printing control program according to Claim 27, wherein said physical N-page printing condition is information indicating that physical N-page printing is set when a predetermined output sheet size is designated.

30. (Original) An information processing program according to Claim 27, wherein said condition acquiring step acquires said physical N-page printing condition from an external device.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium product storing a printing control program executed in a printing control device for having a printer driver which

generates print data to be printed at a printing apparatus using a plurality of pages of drawing data input from an application, the printing control program including the steps of:

an entry step of entering a designation of N-page printing in which drawing data of N pages ($N > 1$, N is an integer) is printed on one print sheet;

a physical N-page printing arranging step of arranging the drawing data of each page at a center of each of equal N-divided areas of a physical sheet by scaling-down;

a printable region N-page printing arranging step of arranging the drawing data of each page in each of equal N-divided areas of a printable region on a physical sheet by scaling-down; [[and]]

a determining step of determining which one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step is employed to execute processing for arranging the pages, when the designation of N-page printing is entered in said entry step; and

a generating step of generating the print data by executing the determined one of said physical N-page printing arranging step and said printable region N-page printing arranging step.